

## Mid-East Prophecy Update – February 20th, 2011

- Every week, we set aside a few minutes on Sunday mornings to look at Bible prophecy
- The reason for this is because the Bible predicts certain events that will take place in the last days before the Lord returns.
- We believe that what's happening in the world today is a fulfillment of those Bible Prophecies.

- We look primarily at events in the Middle East, specifically related to Israel because, as it's been said; "Israel is God's prophetic clock."

- For the last two weeks, we devoted our time to examine the Bible prophecy's concerning Egypt in Isaiah 19, Daniel 11, and Psalm 83.
- For today's update, we will sort of round a corner and see how what's happening in the Middle-East is all about Islam destroying Israel.
- The fact of the matter is, the destruction of Israel as God's chosen people is the Satanic end-game as it relates to the end of the world.

- Let me hasten to say to those who label us gloom and doom, sign wearing preachers of fire and brimstone the end is near, they're right.
- Well sort of, my sign wouldn't say; "the end is near," it would say; "the end is here," as the scriptures are replete with such prophecies.
- I am a firm believer that God does not want us to be ignorant about what's going to happen in the last days because He wants us ready.

**Matthew 24:44** Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. NKJV

- I want to be among those who are ready so that the rapture of the church isn't as a chief in the night coming at an hour I do not expect.

**Luke 21:28** When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." NIV

- What things is Jesus referring to when He says to stand up and look up because our redemption is near when they start to happen?
- Arguably, it would have to be, the very things that we see, beginning to come to pass in the Middle-East today, with the focus on Israel.
- Perhaps you'll indulge me as I read a number of headlines from just the last week going back to the last time we were here on Sunday.

### Sunday, February 13th

[Turkey's Gul in first visit to Iran, says to boost ties](#)  
[Jordan Muslim Brotherhood: Israel, U.S. main losers in Mubarak ouster](#)  
[Egypt reportedly losing control of Sinai to Beduin violence](#)  
[Palestinians: More barriers to be removed](#)  
[Algeria shuts down internet and Facebook as protest mounts](#)  
[Mubarak's departure thwarted Israeli strike on Iran](#)  
[Ruling Egypt After Mubarak: Presidential Contenders Emerge](#)  
[Iranian opposition defies warning, calls for rally](#)  
[Mubarak's fall shows need for Mideast jolt](#)  
[Jordanian FM denies regime is in danger of Egypt-like fall](#)  
[Egypt has lost its status in area, while Turkey and Iran are on the way up](#)

### Monday, February 14th

[Israeli PM: Arab world undergoing 'earthquake'](#)  
[IAEA head affirms Iran 'steadily' enriching uranium](#)  
[Israeli army 'ready for all eventualities': PM](#)  
 [Hamas Chief: China, India to Replace Failing US as Superpowers](#)  
[Injustice in Ethiopia](#)  
[Pro-reform Saudi activists launch political party](#)  
[Gaddafi tells Palestinians: revolt against Israel](#)  
[Egyptian opposition figure: Rethink Camp David Accords](#)  
 [Hamas leader in Gaza calls on Egypt to open blockade](#)  
[Fayyad dissolves Palestinian Authority cabinet](#)  
[IMRA Analyst: US Omits Peace with Israel](#)

### Tuesday, February 15th

[Yemenis trying to oust leader protest for 5th day](#)  
[Egypt: Muslim Brotherhood to set up party once restrictions are lifted](#)  
[Iran confirms 1 killed, dozens injured in protests](#)  
['Maximum security' at 4 Israeli embassies due to threats](#)  
[Iran blames Israel, US for supporting protests](#)  
[Western intel: Post-Mubarak Egypt is ripe for Islamic takeover](#)  
[Egypt presidential hopeful: Peace treaty with Israel is over](#)

### Wednesday, February 16th

[Nasrallah: Hezbollah will conquer the Galilee](#)  
[EU's Ashton targets Palestinian state by September](#)  
[The New Middle East at a Glance-Country by Country](#)  
['Iranian nuclear facility recovered quickly from Stuxnet'](#)  
[Jordan gov't shake-up creates tension with Israel](#)  
[Israel ready for end of peace with Egypt](#)  
[Protests in Libya, Bahrain and Yemen as unrest sweeps Arab world](#)

### Thursday, February 17th

[Libya protests: Activists call for 'day of anger'](#)  
[Four killed in Libya clashes: opposition, NGO](#)  
[Hezbollah threatens Israelis 'anytime, anywhere'](#)  
[In sharp reversal, U.S. agrees to rebuke Israel in Security Council](#)  
[US intelligence unsure over Muslim Brotherhood agenda](#)  
['Syrian embassy aided Hezbollah prisoner's escape'](#)  
[Abbas says no to elections if Gazans cannot vote](#)  
[Egypt army says it won't field presidential candidate](#)  
[Brotherhood role rising in Egypt](#)  
[Iran denies cancellation - warships to cross Suez Canal...](#)  
[Bahrain tightens grip on protests](#)  
[Israeli troops kill Gaza suspects](#)

### Friday, February 18th

[Defying the US, PA pushes for UN anti-settlement vote](#)  
[Syria to EU: tackle Israel, not Egypt for Middle East peace](#)  
[Saudi prince Talal warns of uprising threat](#)  
[Reports: Anarchy in Sinai Peninsula](#)

### Saturday, February 19th

[Al-Qaida No. 2 issues video after Egypt upheaval](#)  
['Peace treaty with Israel is up to the Egyptian people'](#)  
[Israeli settlements: US vetoes UNSC resolution](#)  
[Palestinians want 'day of rage' against US](#)  
[Muslim Brotherhood Preacher Egypt's Revolution Only Just Begun](#)  
[Ahmadinejad Says "The Final Move Has Begun by Twelfth Imam"](#)

- I would submit that this is what Jesus was talking about. This all points to the fulfillment of Psalm 83, Isaiah 17, 19, and Ezekiel 38-39.
- And, the rapture of the church could happen either before, at or though more possible than probable, after these prophecies are fulfilled.
- No man knows the day or the hour of His coming for His bride, but we can know that His return draws nigh and is even at the door.

- Now, I am keenly aware that there are those who would argue that there's no way any of us can be sure that He comes in our lifetime.
- However, the scriptures are really quite clear actually, that the generation that sees the rebirth of the nation of Israel will see His return.
- Also, in concert with that, there seems to be an unstoppable momentum with the short shelf life of all these prophecies collectively.

**John 14:29** "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. NKJV